

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

Church Staff	Elders
<i>Senior Minister</i> TE Alexander S. Brown <i>Administrative Assistant to the Pastor</i> Dorothy Garvin	TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah) RE Gary McArthur (First Presbyterian Church, Pooler) RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island) TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah) (TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)
The Session, consisting of all Teaching and Ruling Elders, meets on the third Monday evening of each month.	

Fall Membership Class

Sunday mornings, from 9:30-9:45 a.m. at GIPC. (Led by Mr. Alexander Brown)

Open to all who are interested in becoming a member of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church or those who would like to learn more about our church and our denomination, the *Presbyterian Church in America*. Current members are encouraged to attend as a refresher course. The class covers what it means to be a “member” of the church as we study each of the five Membership Vows. *Class handouts and recordings are available for downloading at www.gipc-pca.org* (Resources page).

If you are interested in joining the church at this time, or if you have any questions about joining, please contact the office (638-2563) to make an appointment with Mr. Brown. New Member Interviews will be scheduled with the Session on Monday, December 13th.

GIPC Financials Y-T-D through November 30, 2010:

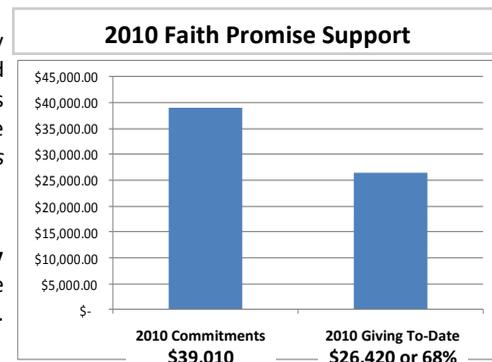
General Fund	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$125,656	\$129,902
Expense	\$132,012	\$133,297
Faith Promise for World Missions		
Income	\$26,420	\$32,600
Expense	\$25,457	\$30,766

World Missions/Faith Promise Update

GIPC uses the Faith Promise method in order to financially support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based church planting, discipleship, evangelism, and medical missions work. The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings (“General Fund”). *For this reason, please designate all gifts for “Faith Promise.”*

2011 Commitments Received (to-date): \$30,980

If you did not have an opportunity to turn in a card, you may still do so at any time. Please place them (unsigned) in the offering plate or in Dan Reed’s box in the church copy room. Cards are available in the sanctuary or foyer.



**The Lord’s Day
December 5, 2010**

The Second Sunday of Advent

**TRUE TO THE BIBLE, THE REFORMED FAITH,
AND OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION.**

*those who are able,
please stand

**The Lord's Day Morning Worship
and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
December 5, 2010 • 10:30 a.m.**

Worshipping the God Who Fulfills His Word

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. . . All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God." (Psalm 98:2, 3b)

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who worship with us this Lord's Day! If you are visiting, please complete the card inserted in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we may have a record of your visit.

A Nursery is provided for ages three years and under. Children's Church is available for four and five-year-olds. During the Offertory the teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary as they are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room.

Interlude

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:4

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

***Hymn of Adoration, "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

No. 195

***Prayer of Invocation**

The Invocation
is to acknowledge
that our worship
is in vain if it is not
Spirit-inspired.

▪ This Week ▪

Tuesday, December 7	7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Bible Study (<i>Sandcastle Café, SSI Village</i>) 6:00 p.m.— "Beyond the Pages" - Book Discussion Group for Women (<i>Sue Taylor's home</i>) This month's selection: "Ruth: A Portrait—The Story of Ruth Bell Graham" 7:30 p.m.— Finance Committee Meeting (<i>Currier home</i>)
Wednesday, December 8	7:00 p.m.—Mid-Week Prayer Meeting—"Praying with the Psalms" (pg. 12)
Sunday, December 12	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Membership Class</i> 10:15 a.m. Prayer for the Worship Service (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Mark series</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Philippians series</i>
Looking Ahead: Christmas Eve at GIPC— "Service of Lessons and Carols" 5:00-6:00 p.m. (December 24th)	

▪ Serving Together ▪

	December 5	December 12
Greeters (10:15-10:35 a.m., Main Entrance)		
Ushers (10:15-11:30 a.m.)		
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>AM</u> Worship)	Renee Shepherd	Sara Brown
Nursery—0-3 yrs. (<u>PM</u> Worship)	Sara Brown	
Children's Church—4-5 yrs. (Kindergarten Room—during the sermon portion of Morning Worship)	Betty Young-Smith	Connie Reed
Prayer for the Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. in the Prayer Room (located at the end of the north hallway)		
Hospice Meal: On the 2nd Thursday of each month a meal for four people is prepared and delivered to the <i>Hospice of the Golden Isles</i> . A volunteer from Hospice then takes the meal to a family whose loved one is being cared for at home. (<i>If you have questions, please contact Betty Harrell.</i>)		

Women In the Church (WIC)

Bible Study for Women: “Psalms: Songs Along the Way” —Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

An overview of the Psalms, using a study guide by Kathleen Buswell Nielson and led by Sara Brown. If you missed a session or two, the study is such that you may plug in at any time. *Location: Sara Brown’s home. The next meeting (and the only meeting in December) will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, Lesson 10 (Psalm 103).*

“Beyond the Pages” ~ GIPC Ladies Book Club —First Tuesday of each month

The next group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th at the home of Sue Taylor. Be prepared to discuss the third book, “Ruth, A Portrait: The Story of Ruth Bell Graham,” by Patricia Cornwell.

The January selection will be “44 Scotland Street” by Alexander McCall Smith.

WIC Leadership Team

The WIC Leadership Team meets once a month. Suggestions are welcome! Contact any member of the team: Sharon Bolin, Sara Brown, Diane Chilton, Dorothy Garvin, India Huddleston, or Renee Shepherd. Next meeting: December 16th.

Save the Date— “Christmas Drop In and Cookie Exchange” at Sara Brown’s home—Saturday, December 18th, 2-4 p.m. Watch for details!

A Note of Thanks ~

To Our GIPC Family,

Thank you so much for the “Pounding” last week! Our pantry is overflowing with all kinds of wonderful goodies. We don’t think we will need to shop for months! We felt so honored and were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for this wonderful gift— you have been a blessing to our family!

Alex, Sara, and Ada!



***Confession of Our Faith (unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell[†].

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church^{††},
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’n-ly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Apostles’ Creed

As we recite this
3rd-4th century
Christian creed,
we join our voices
with centuries of
Christians who have
gone before us.

[†]the place of the dead

^{††}the universal church

OLD HUNDRETH

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

The Assurance of Pardon is what allows us to be boldly honest about our condition. Without the context of grace, we would be miserably despairing in our confessions.

Additional information may be found at: www.persecution.com

Sermon, "A Worthy Life"

Philippians, Part 5
Text: Philippians 1:27-30
Notes:

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 980

Scripture Reading

Genesis 26
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 20)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 3:13,14

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree' — so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

***Hymn of Assurance, "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**

No. 172

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh

Worshipping the Lord with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Children ages four and five are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room for Children's Church. The teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer for Illumination

***Hymn of Response, "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

No. 585

***Benediction**

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Reading of the Law of God

Minister: God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All: **Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.**
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor thy father and thy mother.
Thou shalt not kill.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness.
Thou shalt not covet.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how He saith: **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

***Hymn of Assurance, “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

No. 500

Scripture Reading

Acts 25

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 934)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*A Tale of Two Kingdoms (Part 2)*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Mark: A Confrontation with Christ, Part 23

Text: Mark 6:14-29

Notes:

We recite the Law of God together to remind ourselves of who our Father is, and what He requires of His children. As Christians we do not believe that we earn anything from God by keeping His commandments, but rather we keep His commandments because we are already fully accepted through the work of Jesus Christ.

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 841

***Hymn of Preparation, "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" No. 469, st. 1-4**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn of Response, "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" No. 469, st. 5,6**

***Benediction**

. . .

We cannot understand the woe
Thy love was pleased to bear:
O Lamb of God, we only know
that all our hopes are there.
Thy feet the path of suffering trod,
Thy hand the victory won:
What shall we render to our God
for all that He hath done?
John M. Neale, Hymns for Children, 1842

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

**Rev. Michael Gordon, Reformed University Fellowship Campus Minister
at SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design), Savannah, GA (www.scad.ruf.org)
Pick up a copy of the latest newsletter (Fall Update) in the foyer!**

It is our custom to hold each element until all have been served, then all partake together.

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 5, 2010 • 6:00 p.m.

**those who are able, please stand*

Kingdom Living

Prelude

Gather in silent meditation:

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5,6)

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 135:1-3

"Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!"

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "O Bless Our God with One Accord"**

No. 400

from Psalm 134